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BULLETIN DESCRIBES GULF OF MAINE FISH SPECIES

The various species of fish inhabiting Atlantic waters off New England, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia are described in a new edition of the bulletin Fishes of the Gulf of Maine, published recently by the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service.

Prepared by Henry B. Bigelow and William C. Schroeder of Harvard University and Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institution, the 577-page work presents material on distribution, abundance, life histories, and identification of the different fishes found in the oceanic bight between Nantucket Shoals, Mass., and Cape Sable, Nova Scotia. Rimmed on the seaward side by Georges Bank and Browns Bank, this area known as the Gulf of Maine is of great important to commercial fishermen.

Growth, reproduction, food habits, range, commercial importance, and other significant facts about these fishes are brought out in the bulletin's text and illustrations. More than 250 pen and ink drawings delineating the outer features of the different fishes make for easy and accurate species identification.

The bulletin revises and adds to the popular Bulletin 40, published between 1925 and 1927 by the Bureau of Fisheries, a parent organization of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Copies of the new edition, designated as Fishery Bulletin 74, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Bound in buckram, the price is \$4.25 per copy.

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